

Erratum

In *Dramatic declines in saiga antelope populations* by E.J. Milner-Gulland, M.V. Kholodova, A. Bekenov, O.M. Bukreeva, Iu.A. Grachev, L. Amgalan & A.A. Lushchekina that appeared in *Oryx*, 35(4), 340–345, there was a mistake in Table 1. The corrected table is reproduced below, with the 1999 population estimate for Betpak-dala (***64,000***) being in both bold and italics to indicate, respectively, that the estimate is an extrapolation and comes from a vehicle survey.

Table 1 Population estimates for the saiga antelope. The total estimated saiga population size (rounded to the nearest thousand animals) is given for those years in which all four populations of the nominate subspecies were censused. Numbers in bold are questionable because they are extrapolated from counts made in only half of the range area (estimate = 2 × actual count), and those in italics are the result of vehicle surveys. Vehicle surveys are not easily comparable to aerial surveys, and are much more prone to error and bias (and particularly to underestimating population size). All other values are total counts from aerial surveys, hence confidence intervals are not given. In Kalmykia, the data are from surveys carried out in July–August up to 1994 and in May for 1995–2000. Spring surveys give population estimates that are on average 58 per cent lower than summer surveys, because they do not include that year's calves. Data up to 1997 for Kazakhstan are from Bekenov *et al.* (1998) and for Mongolia from Lushchekina *et al.* (1999). Kalmykian data up to 1994 are from Sokolov & Zhirnov (1998). Data after these dates are from surveys carried out by the following organizations: Kalmykia – the Department for Conservation, Control and Management of Game Animals, the Central Laboratory for Hunting Management and the former Saiga Research Centre; Kazakhstan – the Institute of Zoology of the Kazakhstan Ministry of Education and Science; Mongolia – WWF – Mongolia and the Institute of Ecology and Evolution, Moscow, Russia, and are reproduced with permission.

Year	Populations					Total
	Kalmykia	Ural	Ustiurt	Betpak-dala	Mongolia	
1980	380,000	120,000	170,000	400,000	–	1,070,000
1981	430,000	160,000	190,000	470,000	750	1,251,000
1982	385,000	180,000	190,000	480,000	925	1,236,000
1983	280,000	150,000	180,000	440,000	–	1,050,000
1984	265,000	40,000	190,000	340,000	125	835,000
1985	222,000	50,000	190,000	400,000	–	862,000
1986	200,000	70,000	150,000	250,000	–	670,000
1987	143,000	100,000	140,000	300,000	–	683,000
1988	157,000	90,000	207,000	368,000	1700	824,000
1989	150,000	135,000	265,000	323,000	–	873,000
1990	160,000	138,000	202,000	361,000	–	861,000
1991	168,000	236,000	232,000	357,000	–	993,000
1992	152,000	298,000	254,000	375,000	–	1,079,000
1993	148,000	250,000	216,000	510,000	300	1,124,000
1994	142,000	274,000	254,000	282,000	300	952,000
1995	220,000	–	–	212,000	1300	–
1996	196,000	–	214,000	248,000	–	–
1997	259,000	–	–	–	1300	–
1998	150,000	<i>104,000</i>	246,000	120,000	–	620,000
1999	55,000	<i>84,000</i>	200,000	<i>64,000</i>	–	403,000
2000	26,000	17,500	116,000	<i>15,000</i>	3000	178,000